

III. REMARKS

1. Claims 1, 4, 6 and 13 are amended. Claims 16-18 are new.
2. A telephone interview was held on March 22, 2006 with the Examiner. During the interview the Examiner noted that the language "any combination thereof" in claim 1 may not be supported by the specification. However, Applicant submits that this language is supported by the specification at page 13, lines 22-26. Page 13 lines 22-26 of the present Application recite "[t]he sound creating capabilities are used for music composing applications, sound creating applications, gaming, ring tone creation, system sound creation, sending sounds with MMS (Multi-media Messaging Service) or other messaging service, or any combination thereof." Thus, the language "any combination thereof" is clearly supported by the specification of the instant Application.
3. Claims 1-10, 13 and 14 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Andrews, U.S. Patent No. 5,911,121 in view of Macario, Cellular Radio Principles and Design, 1993 and White et al., U.S. Pub. No. 2005/0026643 ("White"). Claim 1 recites in part enabling user defined mapping of a set of tones and/or sound effects to one or more keys connected to said electric circuitry of said user exchangeable cover. Neither Andrews, Macario nor White, individually or in combination disclose or suggest this feature.

Andrews discloses a mobile telephone (10) having a common printed circuit board architecture which is used in a plurality of

different models with interchangeable front covers (44) for each of the various models. The printed circuit board contains all of the circuitry needed for each of the various models. (Col. 3, L. 24-30). Nowhere does Andrews disclose or suggest user defined mapping of a set of tones and/or sound effects to one or more keys connected to said electric circuitry of said user exchangeable cover.

Macario fails to remedy this deficiency of Andrews. Macario merely discloses a phone having a dual-tone multi-frequency keypad. The audio tones of the keypad in Macario are used for recognition and interpretation by telephone signaling systems and are not mapped by a user. There is simply no disclosure in Macario of user defined mapping of a set of tones and/or sound effects to one or more keys connected to said electric circuitry of said user exchangeable cover.

White also fails to remedy the deficiencies of Andrews and Macario. White discloses a mobile telephone (1) having a main body (5) and an attachable, fascia (3) (Page 2, Para. [0037]). There is no disclosure or suggestion whatsoever, of user defined mapping of a set of tones and/or sound effects to one or more keys connected to said electric circuitry of said user exchangeable cover.

Therefore, claim 1 is patentable over the combination of Andrews, Macario and White because their combination fails to disclose or suggest user defined mapping of a set of tones and/or sound effects to one or more keys connected to said electric circuitry of said user exchangeable cover. Claims 4 and 13 are patentable over the combination of Andrews, Macario and White for reasons similar to those described above with respect to claim 1.

Dependent claims 2, 3, 5-11 and 14 are patentable at least by reason of their respective dependencies.

4. Claims 11 and 14 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Andrews, White, Macario and Zhao, U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0204135. Claims 11 and 14 depend from claims 4 and 13 respectively. For the reasons described above the combination of Andrews, White and Macario fails to disclose or suggest the features of claims 4 and 13. Zhao fails to remedy the deficiencies of Andrews, White and Macario.

Zhao discloses a multimedia editor (160) for use within a wireless communication device (10) includes a user interface (60), a content memory (90), a multimedia editor application (65), one or more decoders (125, 130, 135, 138), and a mixer/synchronizer (150). The multimedia editor (160) creates original multimedia content (140) using voice, singing, text, background sound, as well as music, graphics, image, audio, and video selected from one or more multimedia content (105) stored in the content memory (90). (Abstract). Nowhere does Zhao disclose or suggest user defined mapping of a set of tones and/or sound effects to one or more keys connected to said electric circuitry of said user exchangeable cover as called for in claims 4 and 13.

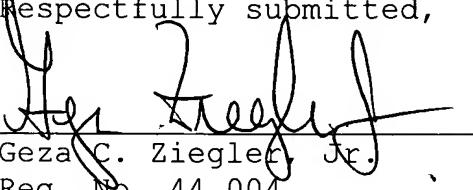
Therefore claims 11 and 14 are patentable over the combination of Andrews, White, Macario and Zhao at least by reason of their respective dependencies.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable

reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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